

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of:

Glencliff NH 03238
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Docket No: A2012-29

Postal Regulatory Commission
Office of the Chief Admin. Officer

Nancy Foote, Petitioner(s)

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PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Glencliff post office. The Final Determination was posted 10-5-11 (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

I wish to appeal the decision made by the U.S. Postal Service to close the Glencliff Post Office.
Members of the community and hundreds of Appalachian Trail Hikers voiced their opinions and signed petitions to keep open the Glencliff post office. Many of us who submitted comments expressed a concern about the hikers. The Postal Service repeatedly cited "Whiteblaze.net" saying that "Glencliff Post Office is one of 128 post offices listed as being along the Appalachian Trail." That statement is false. According to the

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Thru-Hikers Handbook, 2010 Edition, there are 52 post offices within 25 miles of the trail. Many of these 52 post offices (some in NH), are also under a "proposal to close" by the Postal Service. The Appalachian Trail Conservancy has rated Glencliff as a #1, being "the" most important post office to hikers due to its proximity to the trail and for being the mail drop where hikers resupply with winter gear for above treeline.

If our post office is closed we will no longer have a Glencliff address or zip code. The Postal Service wrote in one of their responses that "a community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of it's residents and the use of it's name." At the same time they are willing to take our name away from us.

I understand that the Postal Service needs to find ways to cut costs and save money. Believe me when I say that I am an expert on saving pennies. In our case, closing Glencliff will save little money. In fact the money they reportedly will save from closing this small post office is debatable.

Please take into consideration that this is more than a community of 50 box holders who will be impacted by the closure. It will literally impact hundreds and hundreds of people each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Foote